

REMARKS

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the allowance of claims 9-11, 39, 44 and 77. Claims 2, 3, 5, 6, 8, 9, 23, 28, 80, 81 and 84-85 have been amended. Claim 9 has been amended for a typographical error. Claims 1, 78 and 79 have been cancelled. Claims 2, 3, 5, 6, 8-11, 23, 28, 39, 44, 77, 80-81 and 84-85 are pending. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the original claims and other claims in this and in other applications.

Claims 1-3, 5, 6, 8, 23, 28, 78, 81 and 84-85 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,188,095 ("Hieke"). Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection.

Claims 2, 23, 28, 81, 84 and 85 have been amended to recite allowable subject matter. Therefore, claim 2 and its dependent claims 3, 5, 6 and 8, and claims 23, 28, 81, 84 and 85 are allowable over Hieke. Claim 78 has been cancelled. Accordingly, the rejection should be withdrawn and the claims allowed.

Claim 78 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,097,097 ("Hirose"). Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection. Claim 78 has been cancelled and therefore, this rejection is now moot.

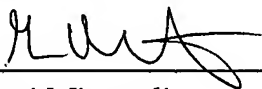
Claims 79 and 80 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,351,005 ("Al-Shareef"). Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection.

Claim 80 has been amended to recite allowable subject matter. Therefore, Applicants respectfully submit that claim 80 is allowable over Al-Shareef. Claim 79 has been cancelled. Accordingly, the rejection should be withdrawn and claim 80 allowed.

In view of the above, Applicants believe the pending application is in condition for allowance.

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